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mfc *D/D: [unclear]*
 Vice Admiral L. H. Frost *7*
 Director
 National Security Agency
 Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

Dear Admiral Frost:

I received your letter of 6 February (N 0459) while at Cheltenham and left it there. It was only today that I read it again and realized that I hadn't answered the question in your last sentence.

I suppose that the reason was simply that the Paris office of the New York Times recognized the documents as part of the same "hoax" as was perpetrated on the Daily Express of London. Also, I suppose enough knowledge of the planting system exists to make all reliable news-men wary and careful lest they be victimized (as the Express man was!) *- attached*

Best regards,

FRANK C. AUSTIN
 Senior U.S. Liaison Officer, London

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Mr. Frank C. Austin
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American Embassy
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Dear Frank:

In reference to your Serial 18, of 20 January 1961, I am grateful for the two clippings from the Manchester Guardian of 18 January, one concerning the recent incident of the two planted documents and the other concerning the whole Soviet planting system. Both articles confirm that the author, Victor Zorza, is a thoughtful and reliable journalist.

I am particularly interested in your statement, with respect to the two documents in the latest case, that identical photographs with a similar cover letter were mailed to a reporter in the Paris office of the New York Times. Have you any idea why they were not used?

Best regards,

L. H. FROST
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

cc: DIR ←
AG
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M/R: On 17 January 1961, the American Embassy in London described as "fabrication from start to finish" the alleged "secret" State Department documents which were the subject of the main news story in a London newspaper the same day. The two documents were supposed to have been signed by Mr. Herter, the Secretary of State, and by Mr. Brucker, the Army Secretary. They refer to alleged American efforts, by various

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underhand methods, to induce Soviet citizens to take refuge in the West, and to recruit spies. With his Serial 18, of 20 January 1961, SUSLO (L) forwarded two clippings from the Manchester Guardian. Otherwise, self-explanatory. No coordination required.

RMD
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